

Jaffa Institute Honors Community Volunteers



Steve Slutsky receives the Yedid Nefesh Award — a Soul Friend of the Jaffa Institute and their highest recognition — from Mitch Chupack of the Institute.

Mitch Chupack of the Jaffa Institute brings greetings and thanks from Israel to the Gainesville Jewish Community on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Jaffa Institute.



Mitch Chupak from the Jaffa Institute visited North Central Florida in December. A highlight of his visit was a reception in Gainesville attended by 120 community members who came to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the work of the Jaffa Institute as well as honor local volunteers. Elegant desserts, music, fellowship and a champagne toast to "another 25 years" made the evening festive and memorable.



Mitch Chupack (far right) presented the Pillar of Strength Award for outstanding support of the Jaffa Institute to local community members (from left): Alex and Beverly Sherman, Rosalie Bandyopadhyay, Abe Goldman and Judy Breiner, Charna and Stuart Cohn, Olivia Berger, Ken Wald and Robin West.

Steve Slutsky Issues Challenge During Jaffa Reception

When accepting his award from the Jaffa Institute, Steve Slutsky made a challenge donation.

He is donating an additional personal contribution of \$2,500 (\$100 for each year of the Jaffa Institute) and he hopes that others will make an additional donation above their usual pledge to the Jewish Council to match his contribution.

If you have already made your pledge for

this year's campaign, please consider making an additional contribution to meet Steve's challenge. If you have not yet sent in your contribution, please include a note so we know how much of your contribution should be allocated to Steve's challenge.

Contributions can be mailed to the Jewish Council office at PO Box 14937, Gainesville, Florida 32604-4937. A 2007-2008 campaign pledge card can be found on Page 3.



Mitch Chupack took the message of the Jaffa Institute to Ocala's Temple Beth Shalom. Shown (from left) are Mitch, Mrs. Dale Berman, Rabbi Sam Berman and Steve Slutsky.

Julie Fine performs Selections from Bach for the attendees prior to the awards ceremony. Julie is the daughter of Jack and Cherie Fine and is the principal cellist of the University of Florida Symphony Orchestra



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